

IP-Web-phone 110.

[0085] The preferred embodiment of the present invention has been described. However, the present invention is not limited to the configuration of the above-described embodiment, but may be applied to any other configuration, provided that the functions indicated in appended claims or the functions provided by the configuration of the embodiment are achieved.

[0086] For example, although in the above-described embodiment, the case of using a wireless mouse as an input apparatus has been illustrated, the present invention may also be applied to a case in which a tablet, a keyboard, or a pointing device, such as a track pad, a track ball or the like, is used as the input apparatus. Although in the above-described embodiment, a multimedia-phone or an IP-Web-phone has been illustrated as an information device to be operated, any other device, such as a digital camera or the like, may also be used as such a device.

[0087] The present invention may, of course, also be applied to a case in which the functions of the above-described embodiment are realized by supplying a system or an apparatus with program codes of software for realizing the functions of the embodiment that are stored in a storage medium. In such a case, the program codes themselves read from the storage medium realize the new functions of the present invention, and therefore the storage medium storing the program codes constitutes the present invention.

[0088] In the above-described embodiment, the program codes indicated in the flowchart shown in FIGA. 5A and 5B are stored in the ROM, serving as the storage medium. The storage medium is not limited to the ROM. For example, a floppy disk, a hard disk, an optical disk, a magnetooptical disk, a CD(compact disc)-ROM, a CD-R (recordable), a DVD (digital versatile disc), a

magnetic tape, a nonvolatile memory card or the like may also be used as the storage medium.

[0089] As described above, in the present invention, a summary of devices which can be operated by an input apparatus is displayed on a display unit of the input apparatus. Thus, the user can easily select a device to be operated by the input apparatus from among the displayed devices.

[0090] As described above, in the present invention, radio connection of other devices that have not been selected by the user to the input apparatus is not disconnected, but is maintained in a low-power-consumption mode.

Thus, only minimum transmission/reception processing is performed between the input apparatus and the other devices. Hence, it is possible to reduce power consumption and the amount of communication processing. Furthermore, since it is unnecessary to perform a procedure for newly setting radio connection when the device to be operated is changed, switching between devices can be smoothly performed.

[0091] The individual components shown in outline or designated by blocks in the drawings are all well known in the input apparatus and device arts and their specific construction and operation are not critical to the operation or the best mode for carrying out the invention.

[0092] While the present invention has been described with respect to what is presently considered to be the preferred embodiment, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the disclosed embodiment. To the contrary, the present invention is intended to cover various modifications and equivalent arrangements included within the spirit and scope of the appended claims. The scope of the following claims is to be accorded the broadest interpretation so as to encompass all such modifications and

equivalent structures and functions.

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